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LAGOS FOR DCM

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMGT ASIG NI

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED CLOSURE OF IBADAN CONSULATE

REF: (A) IBADAN 363, (B) STATE 078268 (C) LAGOS 3227

1. POST IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER LACK OF DECISION ON CLOSURE OF POST. EACH DAY'S DELAY ADDS TO DIFFICULTY AND EXPENSE OF CLOSING, NOT TO MENTION MESS WE WOULD BE IN IF DECISION NOT MADE TO CLOSE.

2. POST HAS HAD AXE OVER ITS HEAD FOR 2 MONTHS NOW SINCE INSPECTOR KRYS MADE HIS RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE. IT HARD TO BELIEVE DEPT CANNOT PUT TOGETHER A COURSE OF ACTION TO TAKE IN THIS TIME. WE ARE ALREADY IN LEGAL DIFFICULTIES OVER LEASES, WE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY INCURRING NEEDLESS ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, AND WE HAVE OUR PERSONNEL IN TURMOIL.

3. WE NEED TIME. WE NEED IT TO PLACE LOCAL PERSONNEL. WE NEED IT TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTY AND MATERIAL. (OUR HUGE OBSOLETE COMMO EQUIPMENT PRESENTS QUITE A DISPOSAL PROBLEM). WE NEED IT TO PREPARE PROPERTY FOR RELEASE. WE NEED IT TO
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RETAIN OUR OFFICE SPACE WHICH WE STAND TO LOSE AS OF JULY 1 SINCE WE DID NOT GIVE THE REQUIRED 90-DAYS NOTICE TO RETAIN - AT LEAST FOR AN ADDITIONAL MONTH. RESTORATION OF PROPERTY HERE ALWAYS A MAJOR PROBLEM REQUIRING TIME.

4. FIRST OF OUR PERSONNEL DUE FOR ROTATION LEAVES MAY 20, LESS THAN 40 DAYS AWAY. EITHER REPLACEMENT NEEDS CANCELL-

ATION OR TDY ARRANGED, OR COMMUNICATIONS SHUT DOWN ON THAT DATE. MATTER OF PO REPLACEMENT AND ONWARD ASSIGNMENT NEEDS TO BE SETTLED NOW. SECRETARIAL AND VICE CONSUL POSITIONS ALSO NEED EARLY CONSIDERATION. I.E. ALL ACTIONS LISTED PARA 6 REF C NEED TO BE TAKEN AND ARE PENDING DUE LACK OF DECISION.

5. POSTPONING ACTUAL CLOSURE OF POST MERELY COMPOUNDS PROBLEM SINCE OUR HOLD ON LEASES FOR STAFF APARTMENTS, OFFICE, AND RESIDENCE ALL EXPIRE JUNE 30 OR MAY 31.

6. POST APPEALS TO DEPT FOR EARLY DECISION, I.E. THIS WEEK. DO NOT BELIEVE DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL POSITION GAINED OR LOST DUE TO CLOSURE SHOULD DELAY DECISION ANY FURTHER.
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